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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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SUBJECT : Narcotics Warning Assessment

The following topics were discussed by Community representatives at the 19 May Warning Meeting.

I. Warning — no narcotics related warning issues were identified.

II. Regional Developments and Interagency Work

A. Conference on the Implications and Impact of Possible Disruptions of Heroin Supplies to the US Market

[redacted] CIA reviewed the agenda for the 20 May interagency conference and reported that it will center around discussions on three case studies of specific regional disruptions in heroin production. Academic consultants from American University, Kent State, Temple, and the University of New Mexico will join Community representatives in analyzing the impact of the three disruptions on the US market, and in drawing conclusions for implications of possible future interruptions of supplies to the US.

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B. Critical Intelligence Problems Committee

The NIO/Narcotics described the organization and function of the CIPC, emphasizing how it differed from the work of the Intelligence Community managers who attend the warning meetings.

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D. Trafficking and Nicaragua

The NIO/Narcotics noted that recent DEA and CIA reports have shown some evidence of links between Nicaragua, cocaine processing laboratories, and trafficking.

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III.

It was agreed that Intelligence Community emphasis should be placed on sharing existing data rather than wholly on new initiatives for collection. As an example, the flow of reports from DEA has improved markedly.

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